

General Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021
Marion Alachua Dog Training Association

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Thirty-two members were present. There was a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the General Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021. The motion passed.

President's Report: President Mary Riley reported that she was leaving the presidency as of September 22, 2021.

Corresponding Secretary: There was no report.

Incident Reports: There were no reports.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Vic reported on the club's accounts and balances. She had copies of the report for the members. She announced that the expense and travel reimbursement forms were now combined to one form.

Committee Reports:

AKC Agility Trial: The Volunteer Coordinator has stepped down due to a personal matter. Dianne Bryant is assisting Mary in contacting and assigning volunteers. Becky Steward needs help to set up the equipment at the Florida Horse Park at 9 am, on Thursday, October 7. Volunteers will be given pizza and Canine Cash (formerly MADTA Bucks). Additional volunteers will be needed Sunday afternoon for take down.

AKC FAST CAT: Tammy Goughan reported that everything is ready for our FCAT Trial October 30 & 31, and, that Huntmaster Randy Donaldson is out of the hospital and doing well.

She and Hosea Carter have started an inventory of the trailer with pictures.

The Committee has decided that the Ocala Police Department K-9 Unit will receive the Fun Run proceeds from our January event. The K-9 Unit relies solely on contributions from the community.

The Committee is waiting on the Boards resolution as to the FCAT and agility trailer and insurance issue.

AKC Obedience and Rally: Volunteers are needed for the set up (and take down) this week, and for the January Trial.

UKC Trial: Bob Saputo reported that everything was going forward to plan.

He announced that one of the judges was going to be at the club from 6:30 to 7:30, both October 10th and 11th, to answer questions and oversee run thrus. This would give competitors a learning opportunity before the Trial.

Training Director's Report: There was no report.

Building Facility: We still are in need of a replacement for Lee Bass.

Volunteer Hours Report: Dianne Bryant reported that from January 1, to the current date, she has tracked 3,244 volunteers by club members.

Dianne introduced five guests: Jamie and Jessie Casteel, Eric Strattman and Suzanne Keddie, Laurie DeSanto, and Kim Fiscus.

A MOTION was made by Karen Van Gunst, and seconded by Linnea Saputo, to waive this year's membership hours requirement and meetings necessary to renew memberships, due to COVID protocols. The motion passed unanimously.

AD HOC Committees:

Election of Officers and Board (Nominating Committee)—Under By Laws Article 4, Section 2, since no offices were being contended, the President called to waive the ballot for all nominees. The Recording Secretary was asked to cast the ballot for all.

The new members of the Board are:

Vice President: Penny Cary

Treasurer: Beverly Vics

Recording Secretary: Charlotte Trentelman

Member at Large: Bob Saputo

Training Director: Carrie Solomon

Membership: No new members were voted on.

Seminars: The flyer for the Agility Seminar in December is out and applications are coming in.

By Laws: A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to table the proposed By Laws amendments, until written clarification could be sent to the Membership. Motion was unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business:

Carport Update: Carrie Solomon is looking for a contractor to assemble the materials that

we have received. Our current contractor does not anticipate getting to our job before the end of the year.

New Business:

Sandy Wells presented a survey from the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs in reference to proposed state legislature which would concern breeders and anyone who sells dogs/puppies.

Diane Mathiesson of Hillcrest School has invited MADTA to perform a demonstration of dog handling at their October 29, Field Day.

Regina Compton announced that she and the Saputos would be starting classes for participants in the Southeastern Youth Fair soon.

Carol Harrison reported that MADTA's DOCOF Team placed 6th in the Trial. In the future, DOCOF is planning to make it possible to achieve AKC legs at the trial.

Penny Cary took a moment to speak to the members about plans to go forward into with the Board as President, with Mary Riley's leaving.

Niki Bouland brought up the fact that MADTA is currently in it's 40th year. She suggested that plans be made for a celebration. At least one instructor has been in service to MADTA the entire time.

Motion to Adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlotte Trentelman
Recording Secretary